

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Session  
March 23, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order..... President Speakman  
Pledge of Allegiance..... Mr. Kitchen  
Opening Prayer..... Mr. Brown

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 9, 2015 Regular Session  
March 10, 2015 Special Sessions

VISITORS

Tim Matchett-Discuss Shuffleboard court at the park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Utility – Brown, Elliott, and Foster
- Budget & Finance – Elliott, Hensler, and Brown
- Police, Fire, & Traffic – Kitchen, Queen, and Jones
- Service – (Street & Alley, Recreation, Buildings & Grounds) Foster, Queen, and Hensler
- City Auditor
- Law Director
- Mayor
- Service/Safety Director

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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# JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

*Minutes from*

March 9, 2015

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Regular Session

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Jackson City Council Chambers. President Ron Speakman called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Brown. The Prayer was given by Mr. Brown.

Roll call was taken as follows:

- Mr. Brown-present
- Mr. Kitchen-present
- Mrs. Jones-present
- Mr. Hensler-present
- Mr. Queen-present
- Mr. Elliott-present
- Mr. Foster-present

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the minutes from February 23, 2015, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UTILITY-** No report. Mr. Brown wanted to commend the electric department for a job well done through the big snow. The city did not lose power at all. Also, the creek cleaning seems to be doing a good job with preventing flooding.

**BUDGET & FINANCE-**No report

**POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC-**No report. Mr. Kitchen stated he had taken a tour of the Fire Department and said they do a great job. He invited everyone to go down and tour it too.

## **SERVICE –(STREET & ALLEY, RECREATION, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS)**

Mr. Foster thanked Roy Hatten and the street crew that worked through the bad weather. They did a very nice job keeping the streets cleaned. He also stated they need to discuss Ordinance 557.01 regarding weed control. The penalty is \$150 right now and it needs to be increased. There will be a meeting to discuss this at 6:30 p.m. on March 23<sup>rd</sup> prior to the next regular meeting.

**CITY AUDITOR-**No report

**LAW DIRECTOR-**No report.

## **MAYOR**

Mayor Heath thanked council for recognizing the city employees for their hard work over the last week of bad weather. He stated having the proper equipment to get the work done helped too.

Mayor Heath stated he has a resolution for the bike path that is in tonight's packet that really needs passed tonight, if possible.

Mr. Hensler commented the city employees did a great job with the clearing of the emergency route during the snow. They had to have a few cars moved that were in violation, but they were still able to get it cleaned.

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**SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Sheward stated the police department did a good job getting the cars that were parked on the streets moved as cold as it was outside.

Mr. Sheward stated council should take some credit for the electric staying on through the bad weather. It was due to all of the money they have approved to do the upgrades that were needed.

Mr. Sheward stated he would have had a sewer plant bid and electric bid for tonight, but it was delayed due to the weather. There is a local company who is the low bid for the sewer and the electric company that is doing the upgrade currently is the low bid for the electric project. Both came in under the engineering estimate. He should have them for consideration at the next meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO. 12-15**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REVISING SECTION 957.01 OF THE CITY OF JACKSON CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO MODIFY THE RATE AND RENTAL FEES FOR THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL POOL.**

Second Reading

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-15**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,580.00, REMAINING FROM THE GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 301 HURON STREET, JACKSON, OHIO TO BE PAID TO RAWHIDE LAND CO., LTD.**

First Reading

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Sheward stated the original grant amount was \$9,580.00 more than what the project cost. It was suggested by the State to return the remaining money to Rawhide Land Co., LTD.

Mr. Brown asked if there is any chance they are going to need more money to complete the project, because there is no grass growing. Mr. Sheward stated no. He said he is going to ask Virgil Hamilton if he would give them some money for seeding grass if they grass does not grow.

Mr. Brown made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a roll call vote, council voted as follows:

Mr. Brown-yes  
Mr. Kitchen-yes  
Mrs. Jones-yes  
Mr. Hensler-yes  
Mr. Queen-yes  
Mr. Elliott-yes  
Mr. Foster-yes

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In a roll call vote to adopt the ordinance, council voted as follows:

Mr. Brown-yes  
Mr. Kitchen-yes  
Mrs. Jones-yes  
Mr. Hensler-yes  
Mr. Queen-yes  
Mr. Elliott-yes  
Mr. Foster-yes

**Ordinance No. 13-15 duly adopted.**

**Mr. Brown stated this was passed without an "Emergency" clause.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON IN SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS OF THE OHIO VALLEY CONSERVATION COALITION RELATED TO THE LICK SWAMP CONSERVATION AREA PROJECT, INCLUDING ITS APPLICATION FOR GRANTS FROM THE CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

First Reading

Mr. Kitchen made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Brown. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mayor Heath stated this is the resolution he spoke about earlier and would like to have it passed tonight, if possible so they can meet the deadline. Mr. Queen asked who the Ohio Valley Conservation Coalition is. Mayor Heath stated it is a group of local people. Joel Wood is one of them, along with others. Neal Hess, who works at CT Consultants, is the Engineer on these projects.

Mr. Brown stated he has been asked by a few people who will own the property when the project is done. Mayor Heath stated it will belong to the City of Jackson when it is done. Mr. Brown asked if it would be green space and Mayor Heath stated they can put paths on it, just not any buildings. Mr. Queen asked if this is where the bike path is going to be for sure. Mayor Heath stated they have to get the grant before any final decisions can be done. The grant has to be acquired first.

Mr. Brown made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a roll call vote, council voted as follows:

Mr. Brown-yes  
Mr. Kitchen-yes  
Mrs. Jones-yes

Mr. Hensler-Abstained due to being an agent with Appalachian Realty and that is who the property is listed with.

Mr. Queen-no  
Mr. Elliott-yes  
Mr. Foster-yes

**CORRESPONDENCE- None**

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Speakman stated every year at audit time there seems to be someone who wants to spend extra money. The complaint alleges the city is making purchases from Foster Supply, which is owned by Brett Foster. Not true. It also states no purchases were made until Mr. Foster became a council member in 2012, again not true. The auditor sent this information to the Ethics Commission for review. There was a legal opinion done a few years ago stating that since Mr. Foster is not an owner or employee of Foster Supply, there is not a problem. Before he was on council they averaged spending about \$27,000 a year and since he has been on council, it is averaging \$6,000.

Mr. Queen asked if they are planning on moving the recycle bins. Mayor Heath stated he is going to meet with the Solid Waste committee to see if they will revise their hours. Mr. Queen stated it should not be in a residential area.

**NEW BUSINESS**


Mayor Heath requested a special meeting be held on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. for special consideration of Resolution 8-15. Another meeting will be held at 7:45 p.m. the same day.

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Jones. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

  
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Sherry Barr, Council Clerk

Date 3-23-15

  
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Ronald Speakman, Council President

Date 3/23/15